

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4051–4066, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 292, were introduced. **Pages H1283–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage (H. Rept. 106–534) and

[H. Res. 446, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 290, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–535)] **Page H1283**

Guest Chaplain: The Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Elizabeth C. Sisco of Levelland, Texas. **Page H1175**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 21, by a yea and nay vote of 352 yeas to 49 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 58. **Pages H1177–78**

Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000: The House passed S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 167 noes, Roll No. 63—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H1183–H1200**

Rejected the Berkley motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions that the Committee hold hearings on the bill by a yea and nay vote of 188 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 62. **Pages H1197–99**

Representative Gibbons made a point of order against consideration of the bill pursuant to section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 dealing with unfunded mandates. Subsequently the House voted to consider the bill by yea and nay vote of 206 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H1187–89**

H. Res. 444, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 60. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 59. **Pages H1178–83**

Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 3822, to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United

States economy by a yea and nay vote of 382 yeas to 38 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 65. **Pages H1218–46**

Rejected the Gejdenson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to consider effective measures that reduce the high oil prices on the international market created by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and report it back with amendments containing such effective measures. **Pages H1245–46**

Agreed to the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by striking subsection 6(c), and made in order by the rule. **Page H1245**

Points of order sustained against:

DeFazio amendment No. 8, printed in the Congressional Record that sought to suspend the exports of Alaskan oil; **Pages H1231–32**

Dingell amendment No. 9, printed in the Congressional Record that sought to reauthorize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; **Pages H1232–33**

Amendments Withdrawn:

Trafficant amendment No. 21, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Page H1234**

Trafficant amendment No. 22, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Pages H1234–35**

Trafficant amendment No. 23, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Page H1235**

Gary Miller of California amendment No. 12, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require a report from the Secretary of the Energy and Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency on the means of protecting the national security of the United States by increasing domestic oil production without harming the environment; **Pages H1235–36**

Bachus amendment No. 4, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to deny financial assistance from international financial institutions for oil exporting countries engaged in price fixing; **Page H1236**

Thurman amendment No. 20, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy-efficient property used in business; and

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Baldacci amendment No. 5, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy efficiency improvements to existing homes.

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H. Res. 445, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 64.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Science Foundation: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual reports of the National Science Foundation for 1996–1997, and 1998—referred to the Committee on Science; and

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for 1998—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 a.m. on March 23.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1175.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 97 was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1177–78, H1181–82, H1182–83, H1188–89, H1199, H1199–H1200, H1218, and H1246. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:18 a.m. on Thursday, March, 23.

Committee Meetings

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jill Long-Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Christopher A. McLean, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; James C. Kearney, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, held a hearing on Federal Judiciary and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from John G. Heyburn, Judge, U.S. District Court, Kentucky; Robert C. Broomfield, Judge, U.S. District Court, Arizona; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts; and Fern M. Smith, Judge, U.S. District Court, California, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, National Security Agency; Lt. Gen. James C. King, USA, Director, National Imagery and Mapping Agency; and Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and the following officials of the CIA: George J. Tenet, Director; and Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Director, Community Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Presidio Trust and on Department of Energy—Energy Information Administration. Testimony was heard from James E. Meadows, Executive Director, Presidio Trust; and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, held a hearing on Pension Agencies; Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard